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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is response to the Amendment filed on August 4, 2003. Claims 1-5 are pending. A Non-Final Office Action is provided based on the new Art of Ushigusa (U. S. Patent No. 6,522,703).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 3 recited the limitation electrode is provided next to the last scanning electrode in said plurality of scanning electrodes. Although the specification does mention the "second electrode" (page 5, lines 1-4). The specification is not enabling as to how one of ordinary skill would actually using the second electrode such that the last scanning electrodes makes the corresponding pixels emit sufficiently bright light as claimed.

The examiner examines the application based on the best understood of the claim language.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "second electrode is provided

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next to the last scanning electrode in said plurality of scanning electrodes” must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naito et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6,356,251) in view of Ushigusa (U. S. Patent No. 6,552,703).

In reference to claims 1 and 3-5, Naito discloses an electroluminescent display device comprising a plurality of data electrodes, light emitting layer, a plurality of scanning electrodes formed in a substrate in sequence (Fig. 1-4). Light emitting elements, a column driving circuit, row driving circuit shown in Fig. 12-15. The row driving circuit has function to simultaneously drive more than two of the scanning electrode and successively lighting horizontal regions in sequence corresponding to the number of scanning electrodes for simultaneously driving the light emitting elements as claimed. Ushigusa discloses a constant current source is provide to the column electrodes to provide the constant current density to the light emitting elements.

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to provide the Ushigusa constant current source in the device of Naito to provide a current source that is necessary to maintain a state where the device emits the light at a desired instantaneous luminance. (col. 2, lines 25-45).

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naito and Ushigusa and further in view of Shimizu (U. S. Patent No. 5,754,160).

In reference to claim 2, Naito and Ushigusa does not disclose "the image display portion is divided into a plurality of image display portions for display images by at least two image display regions by dividing said plurality of scanning electrodes into at least two portions". Shimizu discloses a matrix display in which an image display portion is divided into at least two image display areas by dividing the scanning electrodes into two areas as claimed.

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It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to learn the teaching of Shimizu, i.e.: divide the display region into at least two areas by dividing the scanning electrodes into at least two areas” to provide an image display device for isplaying an image with a quick response and a sharp contrast in a display area for displaying an animation image and for displaying a clear image free of blur in a display area for displaying a character or symbol image (col. 1, lines 60-65).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **DUC Q DINH** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-5412**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:00.AM-4:00.PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD A HJERPE** can be reached on **(703) 305-4709**.

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